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## OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER HONORS HORSES OF THE YEAR

LANSING – The Office of Racing Commissioner presented the 2007 Horse of the Year Award to the Thoroughbred, *Valley Loot*, the Quarter Horse, *Snaps Shot*, the Arabian, *Barons Lady*, and the Standardbred Trotter, *KeyKeeper* and the Pacer, *Biletnikoff* during the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Horse Council Stallion Expo held at the Michigan State University Pavilion on Saturday, March 8.

*Valley Loot* is a three-year old filly who had 11 starts, with six wins and five seconds for total winnings of \$170,000. *Valley Loot* was bred by Marilyn McMaster of Fenton, is owned by Kimberly Allen of Jackson and is trained by Robert Allen Sr. of Muskegon. *Demaloot Demashoot* is her sire and she is out of *In The Valley*.

*Snaps Shot* is a three-year old filly who ran 15 races and had seven firsts, two seconds and two thirds for a total of \$43,012 in winnings. *Snaps Shot* was sired by *Okey Dokey* and is out of *Sheza A Snap*. Larry and Carol DeVries of Alto, bred and own *Snaps Shot*. Carol Rettele of Northville is her trainer.

*KeyKeeper* is a two-year old gelding who was sired by *Lockkeeper* and is out of BP's *Girl*. *KeyKeeper* had 10 starts, with nine firsts and one second for total earnings of \$123,654. Candice and David Bolenbaugh of Starwin Farms in Coleman bred *KeyKeeper*. He is owned by Anita Micaillef of Canton, Anthony Formosa of Southgate and Ameer Najor of West Bloomfield. Michael Micaillef of Canton trains the horse.

*Biletnikoff* is a three-year old gelding who had 13 starts, with 8 firsts and 3 seconds with total winnings of \$131,146. *Keystone Raider* is his sire and he is out of *Strikadeeze*. Larry Cohen of West Bloomfield, Kelly Goodwin of Fowlerville and Mitchel Smargon of Dearborn bred the horse. *Biletnikoff* is owned by Kelly Goodwin and Dan and Tom Courtemanche of Pinconning and is trained by Peter Wrenn of Swartz Creek.

The Office of Racing Commissioner is the official state agency charged with regulating, promoting and serving the horse racing industry in Michigan. During 2008, Michigan horse racing will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of pari-mutuel horse racing in our State. For more information about upcoming events, the five pari-mutuel horse race tracks, racing schedules and Michigan horse racing, visit [www.michigan.gov/horseracing](http://www.michigan.gov/horseracing).

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